

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method of handling a cell update during a reconfiguration procedure in a user equipment, the user equipment configured for use in a communications system, the method comprising:

receiving, at the user equipment, a reconfiguration command from the communications system, the reconfiguration command including an activation time identifying a delay of application of reconfiguration until the activation time has been reached;

before the reconfiguration has been applied, detecting, at the user equipment, a trigger event which indicates that a cell update is required and generating a cell update request; and

~~suppressing the cell update~~ depending on the relevance of the trigger event to the communications system after reconfiguration responding to the cell update request by suppressing the cell update.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3, comprising suppressing the cell update when the trigger event comprises a radio link failure.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) User equipment for handling a cell update during a reconfiguration procedure, the user equipment configured for use in a communications system, the user equipment comprising:

a receiver for receiving, at the user equipment, a reconfiguration command from the communications system, the reconfiguration command including an activation time identifying a delay of application of a reconfiguration until the activation time has been reached;

an event detector for detecting, at the user equipment, a trigger event which indicates that a cell update is required and for generating a cell update request; and

a controller operable when the ~~trigger event~~ cell update request is detected generated before the reconfiguration has been applied for ~~suppressing the cell update in~~

~~dependence on evaluating~~ the relevance of the trigger event to the communications systems
after reconfiguration and for responding to the cell update request by suppressing the cell
update in dependence thereon.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) User equipment according to claim 8, wherein the
controller is arranged to suppress the cell update when the trigger event comprises a radio
link failure.